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WONDERFUL ESCAPE FROM INDIANS.

A HISTORICAL NARRATIVE.

James Morgan, a native of Maryland, married at an early age, and soon after settled near Brya field with a worm fence, and planted some

fore he had taken his seat in the door. It was a with heart-rending sensations, and looked for-correspondence in which they had acknowledged ward with the apathy of despair to his own end. an early and ardent attachment for each other, and A large, fierce looking bear, covered with blood, the perusal left evident traces of joy on the coun- now approached him; he threw himself on the tenance of both; the little infant too seemed to ground, silently commended his soul to heaven, partake of its parents' feelings, by its cheerful and in breathless anxiety awaited his fate. The smiles, playful humor, and infantile caresses. satiated animal slowly passed on without noticing While thus agreeably employed, the report of a him. Morgan raised his head, was about offerrifle was heard; another and another was heard in ing thanks for his unexpected preservation, when quick succession. Morgan sprang to his feet, his the cry of a pack of wolves opened upon him,

moment their fears were realized by a bold and now heard a rustling in the bushes; steps apspirited attack of a small party of Indians. The proached; a cold chill ran over him. Imagina-cabin could not be successfully defended, and tion, creative, busy imagination, was actively emtime was precious. Morgan, cool, brave, and ployed; death, the most horrible death, awaited prompt, soon decided. While he was in the act him; his limbs would in all probability be torn feelings overcome her; she arose, seized her in- touch-the vital spark was almost extinguished; fant, but was afraid that its cries would betray her another touch more violent than the first, and he lently upon it, a momentary struggle between af- his hands were violently forced from his face; the fection and duty took place. She once more press-ed her child to her agitated bosom, again and ed upon him; his eyes involuntarily opened, and again kissed it with impassioned tenderness. The he beheld his wife! who in a scarce audible voice upon its cheek, looked up in its mother's face, upon his bosom. threw its little arms around her neck, and wept aloud. In the name of heaven, Eliza, release the the Indians entered the house they found some child, or we shall be lost, said the distracted hus- spirits and drank freely; an altercation soon took band, in a soft imploring voice, as he forced the place; one of them received a mortal stab and fell; infant from his wife, hastily took up his gun, blood ran through the floor on her. Believing it knife and hatchet, run up the ladder that led to the garret, and drew it after him. In a moment the door was burst open, and the savages entered.

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a bag and lashed it to his back; then, throwing Bryant's station. On the day of the battle of the off some clap-boards from the roof of his cabin, Blue Licks, a horse, with saddle and bridle, rushresolutely leaped to the ground. He was assailed ed by her, which she knew to be her husband's. by two Indians. As the first approached, he knocked him down with the butt of his gun. The other advanced with uplifted tomahawk; Morgan let fall his gun and closed in. The savage made After the Indians had returned from the pursuit, a blow, missed, but severed the cord that bound and left the battle-ground, she, with some other the infant to his back, and it fell. The contest persons that had escaped with her, determined to over the child now became warm and fierce, and make a search for their friends, and, if on the was carried on with knives only. The robust field and living, to save them, if possible, from and athletic Morgan at length got the ascendency.

Both were badly cut and bled freely, but the stabs of the white man were better aimed and deeper, his wife, and restored them to their friends, their again transferred to the Sea Horse. The punishand the savage soon sunk to the earth in death. infant, and their home. Morgan took up his child and hurried off.

The Indians in the house, busily engaged in drinking and plundering, were not apprized of the contest in the yard until the one that had been knocked down gave signs of returning life, and knocked down gave signs of returning life, and called them to the scene of action. Morgan was discovered, immediately pursued, and a dog put on his trail. Operated upon by all the feelings of a hunted stag, and soon outstripped the speed of a hunted stag, and soon outstripped the lindians, but the dog kept in close pursuit. Finding it impossible to cutture or clude the cupring the 28th ult. a horse warmen and hereage. In ing it impossible to outrun or elude the cunning the 28th ult., a horse, wagon, and harness. In animal, trained to hunts of this kind, he halted the course of an hour or two, John M'Carty was and waited until it came within a few yards of him, fired and brought him down; reloaded his gun and pushed forward. In a short time he reached the house of his brother, who resided between Bryant's station and Lexington, where he left the child, and the two brothers set out for his drops, and tears stood in his eyes, as he confessed dwelling. As they approached, light broke upon his view—his speed quickened, his fears increased, and the most agonizing apprehensions crowded upon his mind. He emerged from the canebreak, beheld his house in flames, and almost sided at Patterson, at which place the former was burnt to the ground. 'My wife!' he exclaimed, possessed of some \$7000 worth of property, as he pressed one hand to his forehead, and grasped the fence with the other, to support his tottering frame. He gazed sometime on the ruin ted part. A few years ago he started his son and desolation before him, advanced a few paces, James in a business, advancing him some two or and sunk exhausted to the earth.

arose, and found him still seated near the almost ther, to secure his property, placed it in trust ken, he reached London, stated his case to the expiring embers. In his right hand he held a with James, and left it in that state while he small stick with which he was tracing the name made a visit to New Orleans. When he returnof Eliza' on the ground his left hand was thrown ed, the unnatural son not only refused to relinon his favorite dog, that lay by his side, looking quish his father's property to him, but claimed it pilgrimage towards the home of his childhood. for his own, and denying his father any right or

It is now 26 years since he left his wife an dent signs of grief. Morgan arose. The two interest in it, had, through the assignment before brothers now made a search, and found some bones, burnt to ashes, which they carefully gathered, and silently consigned to their mother earth sold his father's furniture for the rent of the very few dollars upon him—for poor and decrepid as few dolla beneath the wide-spread branches of a venerable house which the father assigned to him; and to oak, consecrated by the purest and holiest recol- cap the climax of his iniquity, and set vid of his

Several days after this, Morgan was engaged in by the enemy for thirty six miles.

and recollected the object of his early affections. He urged on his horse and pressed to the front.
While in the act of leaping from his saddle, he received a rifle ball in his thigh, and fell; an Indian sprang upon him, seized him by the hair, and applied the scalping knife. At this monent, Morgan cast up his eyes and recognized the handkerchief that bound the head of the savage, and which he knew to be his wife's. This added the save of the savage, and which he knew to be his wife's. This added the save of the savage, and which he knew to be his wife's. This added the savage was a savage, and the savage was a savage was a savage. The savage was a savag hugged him to his bosom, plunged his knife into his side, and he expired in his arms. Releas-

It was now midnight; the savage band after taking all the scalps they could find, left the ground. at an early age, and soon after settled near Bry-ant's station, in the wilds of Kentucky. Like most pioneers of the West, he had cut down the wen ground that surrounded him was covered with a worm fence, and planted some rocks, bleached with the rain and sun of centuries, were crimsoned with blood that had warmed determination we cherish of protecting them. It was on the 17th of August, 1782; the sun the heart and animated the bosom of the patriot had descended; a pleasant breeze was playing and the soldier. The pale glimmering of the through the surrounding wood; the cane bowed moon occasionally threw a faint light upon the under its influence, and the broad green leaves mangled bodies of the dead, then a passing cloud of the corn waved in the air; Morgan had seated enveloped all in darkness, and gave additional himself in the door of his cabin, with his infant horror to the feeble cries of a few still lingering on his knee; his young and happy wife had laid in the last agonies of protracted death, rendered aside her spinning-wheel, and was busily enga-ged in preparing the frugal meal. That after-and the loud howl of the wolf, the shrill and vanoon he had accidentally found a bundle of let- ried notes of the wild cat and panther, feeding on ters, which he had finished reading to his wife be- the dead and dying. Morgan beheld the scene

wife ran to the door, and they simultaneously ex- and again awakened him to a sense of danger. He placed his hands over his eyes, fell on his The door was immediately barred, and the next face, and in silent agony awaited his fate. He him; his limbs would in all probability be torn of concealing his wife under the floor, a mother's from him, and he be devoured alive. He felt a place of concealment. She hesitated, gazed si-turned over; the cold sweat ran down in torrents; infant alarmed at the profusion of tears that fell exclaimed, 'my husband! my husband!' and fell

Morgan now learned from his wife that after

door was burst open, and the savages entered.

She was immediately taken and bound. The party, after setting fire to the house, proceeded to

three thousand dollars. In consequence of some Morning came; the bright luminary of heaven difficulties in which he became involved, the facap the climax of his iniquity, and get rid of his ian—and sent him on his way in the stage to father and his righteous demands by consigning Wellsville, from which town he intends to embark him to the state prison, the son now sought to desperate battle at the lower Blue Licks. The pursue and punish him for a grand larceny, for Indians came off victors, and the surviving whites stealing his own horse, wagon and harness, retreated across the Licking, but were pursued which he took from the stable to bring himself and son Eugene to New York with. Under the all the fidelity of her early love and sincerity, to James Morgan was amongst the last that crossed the river, and was in the rear until the hill was descended. As soon as he saw the Indians reappear on the ridge, he felt anew his wrongs tion of his unnatural son.—Ledger.

SYMPATHY FOR A CAPTIVE AMERICAN. renewed strength to his body, and increased ac- power on earth, only to cease when redress to the fulles: tivity to his fury. He quickly threw his left arm extent which the nature of the case might admit of, should around the Indian, and with a death-like grasp close the conflict. What is country to any man whose wrongs are unresented, unrevenged? It is true there are some wretched beings who would not be worth the price ing himself from the savage, Morgan crawled un-der an oak, on an elevated piece of ground a short of the principle. The insult must necessarily refer to distance from him. The scene of action shifted, the nation whose citizen he is; and our action must be and he remained undiscovered and unscalped, an governed by national considerations, for the reason that anxious spectator of the battle. decide the degree of worth, merit, and importance of the case, and thus by an invidious comparison to determine the sufficiency of a cause of war. We would despise our country if it would not avenge us; and we would despise ourselves if we would not personally be actuated by

From the Massillon (Ohio) Gazette. RETUBN OF THE CAPTIVE.

Truth is stronger than Fiction .- Our citi zens, vesterday morning, were introduced to the acquaintance of John Wood, a man whose tale of sorrow could not fail of interesting the heart. A meager sketch can only at present be given. The ample history of his misfortunes may hereafter be presented to the world.

and interesting woman, and the father of two infant children. He was living in happiness on a the gallant Capt. Butler, who afterwards fell at the capture of the British batteries at Fort Meigs, raised his flag, and solicited the hardy Kentuckians of Bracken County, to eurol themselves among the defenders of their country. John Wood was one of the number. He suffered all portunity to elude his guards and make his es- strong breezes under double-reefed topsails. cape. He wandered through the country, steal-Here he was pressed, and despite his protestations that he was a citizen of the United States, and a fugitive prisoner of war, facts which might have been easily proved by reference to the mili-

during an extremely dark night, and attempted to reach the eastern coast of the State of Maine. They were instantly pursued, and were under the After wandering about for two days, exhausted again transferred to the Sea Horse. The punishment that followed this act of desertion was inflicted with all that ingenious refinement for which the British Navy is celebrated.

The Sea Horse, attached to the squadron under Admiral Cockburn, was shortly afterwards ordered into the Chesapeake, and took an active part in the robbing, burning, and murdering of defenceless inhabitants of the coast. Mr. Wood, and the impressed Americans, were never permitted to leave their vessel. He was on board the night when Sir Peter Parker met his fate on shore. A few days subsequent to this event, he, in company with seven other impressed Americans, attempted to escape, in broad day light, by boldly jumping into a boat alongside, and pulling rapidly for the shore. One of the number was shot by sentinel on duty. The others reached the beach but were apprehended immediately on landing, by a party of marauders belonging to the Sea Horse.

By order of Admiral Cockburn, they were sent irons to Nova Scotia, where, after undergoing the formality of a mock-trial, they were sentenced to be shot. The sentence, however, was commuted to service for life in his Britannic Majesty's army in the East Indies. They were accordingly shipped to England, and thence with a regiment of newly levied recruits, despatched to Calcutta. For 21 years Mr. Wood served as a months since, when broken down in spirit and in judges accustomed to mining in England have constitution, he was permitted to leave the army in value for the extent of the opening to any in and sail for England. Destitute and heart-bro-United States Consul, and by him was furnished New York in January, and wended his weary

It is now 26 years since he left his wife and

If our talented countryman draws a correct picture of glasses with them. It will be a novelty for an English tourist to use them favorably towards us. They need not be afraid they will manifest too much liberality. If there be any of that article to spare, they may make a donation of it to Hall, Hamilton, and the rest of the tribe of scribblers who swim into popularity at home by abusing the country that too kindly welcomes the stranger.

THE ENGLISH FAIR.

plump and comely, and their complexions were universally good, even in this dingy atmosphere London). To be sure, their faces were nearly all dirty, at which I was the less disposed to wonder, when I found, on getting to my lodgings, that my own was in the same condition. I had several times used my handkerchief in removing objects which had fastened on my face; these proved to be sooty particles, detached from the chimneys and furnaces of the mighty Babylon; this space empties the Columbia river, nearly and I found on consulting my mirror, that I was, of which lies within the jurisdiction of the Uniand had probably been so for some time, the proud possessor of an exceedingly well-defined, coal-black whisker on the left cheek, together with On its banks the Hudson's Bay Company have a very promising mustache on the opposite side. But to return from my own face to the more

pleasing study of those of the women. I have to remark that they were almost all expressive, and many of them very beautiful. Moreover, In the war of 1812, John Wood, now 50 years they generally surmounted well-formed and ofold, was a young and industrious farmer in Bracken County, Ky. He was the husband of a young ing bosoms. In descending, the analysis became less satisfactory, for their forms were almost Hill, to near its source; thence to the Green rivuniversally bad; the upper part of the bodies were er, one of the branches of the Western Colorado; farm, which he had earned by his industry, when too large for the lower; the foundation seemed crushed by the weight of the superstructure. There was, of course, a limit to the observations one might make in the street; but to a man of any observation, or at all knowing in matters of this nature, used to induction, or capable, from the habit of ratiocination, of remounting from things seen the privations to which the chivalric army of the and real, to things hidden and unseen, there was northwest was exposed, during the disastrous little risk of injustice in noticing the awkward campaign which resulted in the defeat of Win-bending of the ankle, to infer malformation above. chester at the river Raisin. By good fortune, he The feet were, for the most part, ponderous and escaped the tomahawk of the savage allies of flat, indicating both an inherent ugliness and de-Great Britain, and was sent a prisoner of war to fective shoeing. They were often crooked and Quebec. He was next, with other American full of excrescences; nor did they always corresprisoners, despatched in a transport to Plymouth, pond exactly, and seem to be mates. Sometimes in England. From Plymouth, accompanied by a both had a leaning one way; the right foot out crowd of fellow prisoners, he was about to be and the left in, for instance. I was more than transferred to Dartmoor-that well remembered once reminded of a stout double-decker, with scene of British cruelty-when he found an op- high poop and heavy counter, lying down in

The gait of course of women thus formed, was ing through by-ways, until he found himself at Bristol. Hunger compelled him to enter a grocery, the head-quarters of a British press-gang. mation upon the movements, than by citing the opposite conformation and equally opposite movehas looked at this goddess of the graceful art with tary authorities at Plymouth, he was hurried on any view to analyze the elements of her success, board his Majesty's frigate Sea Horse, then the must have been struck with the great length and nish women, have, more or less, this peculiar a flouring." conformation. Hence do they glide forward with so rare a grace, and hence that poetry of motion which is found in a Gevillian or a Gaditana. The absence of this among English women may account for their want of grace. Were you to divide the figure for the sake of analysis, you would be struck with the fact that the lower portion is completely sacrificed to the upper, which is almost always noble.—Slidel's "American in England."

North Carolina Copper Ore.—We have just ittled the "Tree of Legal Knowledge." been shown specimens of Copper Ore from the Harlan Copper Mine in Guilford county, North Wall and Nassau streets. We understand it has been worked successfully for several years for gold, and recently for copper. The specimens spoken of above come from an opening to the depth of 110 feet, and consist of the Yellow Py-rites, or as it is commonly called "Yellow Cop-It is published in such form as to make a very rites, or as it is commonly called "Yellow Copper Ore," yielding upon analysis from 31 to 33 per cent. of metalic copper.

The mine, as far as it has been worked, presents an extensive mass or vein of this rich and beautiful ore, from 3 to 12 feet in thickness. The galleries are opened to the extent of 6 or 700 feet on the direction of the vein. Competent ry and secondary formation in this mine, that of this description, will be as enduring as mines found in the same formation in England. We are happy to state that a company of enterprising individuals have purchased this valuable estate, with the determination of developing its resources forthwith. A large quantity of the ore has Wellsville, from which to which the many on a steamboat to Augusta, Ky.

Fancy cannot help asking—what now is that home to which the war-broken wanderer is returning? Will the wife of his youth be ready, in them success.—N. Y. Star.

From the St. Louis Argus.

OREGON.

By the report of the proceedings of Congress it ppears that Mr. Linn has introduced a bill maing an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of taking possession of the Oregon Territory.

Since the persons in the employ of Mr. Astor relinquished their trading post on the Pacific, the English have had the sole and undisputed possession of the Territory, and we may yet have as much difficulty in the settlement of our western, as we have had in the establishment of our eastern boundary. The Oregon Territory possesses, in our opinion, but little to recommend it; but we believe that the country bordering on the Pacific, including the coast of Oregon Territory The women whom I saw were nearly all and upper California, possesses a more agreeable lump and comely, and their complexions were climate than any other part of North America. The latest notice which we have met with of that region, is contained in a journal of Mr. Spalding, who, with his associates, Mrs. Whitman, Mr. Doctor, and Mr. Gray, passed from the State of

'The Territory of the United States on the Pacific ocean, extends from about latitude 42 to latitude 49, about 400 miles of coast. Within ted States. This stream is about 1500 miles in several posts, and the British are now the sole

occupants. 'Mr. Spalding and his associates left the fron-tier of the State of Missouri, about the 1st of May, 1836, in company with a gentleman engathe Missouri river, till they reached the Platte, thence to the waters of the Bear river, which empties itself into the great Salt lake, and thence to the head waters of Lewis river, the south eastern branch of the Columbia, on which, or on the trading posts of the Hudson's Bay Company, about 300 miles from the Pacific ocean.

'Mrs. Spalding and Mrs. Whitman are believed to be the first white women who have crossed the Rocky Mountains. But though subjected to many hardships and labor, and some privations, the health of the whole party was decidedly improved by the journey.'

The following is an extract from the journal: "We left Wallawalla the 6th of September, in boat propelled by six oarsmen. The usu: l time for a passage down in five days. We were detained by head winds, and did not arrive till the 12th. Here we were met by the warmest expressions of friendship, by Dr. McLaughlin, who conducted us immediately to his house. After a brief interview, he conducted us to his gardens, and be assured, we were not a little surprised to see west of the Rocky Mountains, where we expected to meet scarcely the first buddings of ments of Taglioni. I think that any one who civilization, such perfection in horticulture. About five acres are laid out in order, and stored with a!most every species of vegetables, fruits and flowers; and among them figs and citrons, oranges, leflag ship of the celebrated Sir P. Parker, and development of her legs, compared with the light compelled to bear arms against his own country-superstructure which reposes on them. This produces well for some days our time was discovered by the compared with the light mons, pomegranates, cotton plants, and all common fruits in the United States. Every thing seemed ever to me to furnish one means of ac- produces well. For some days our time was di-On board the Sea Horse were several other Americans, who, like Wood, had fallen victims to the British system of impressment. They determined on desertion, and, when lying in the Port of St. John's, they succeeded in securing a boat, during an extension and great muscular power than on a total absence of all specific gravity. One is tempted to believe that she is indeed the sylph, whose wings and wand she wears; an ethereal on the Columbia river, and produced, last year, necessity of deserting their boat on the shore of being; a child of the skies, over whom the laws being; a child of the skies, over whom the laws barley, 1,500 of oats, potatoes not gathered, corn of attraction, which drag all common mortals barley, 1,500 of oats, potatoes not gathered, corn down to their mother earth, have no dominion. but little. His horned cattle 750, swine 400, and The French, the Italian, but especially the Spa- from 200 to 300 horses. He has a saw-mill and

The mouth of the Columbia lies in the same latitude with Bordeaux, in France, and possesses a similar climate, far different, however, from the climate of forty-five degrees north in the States of Maine and Michigan.

Something New .- We have just examined a copy of a very interesting and novel work upon the Laws of England, intended principally for students of that profession, just published by the

In it the laws of England are very ingeniously Harlan Copper Mine in Guilford county, North and strikingly illustrated, under the appearance Carolina, that are most beautiful, and may be seen at the office of M. P. O. Hern, corner of that science, as treated of by Blackstone in his Wall and Nassay streats. commentaries, are laid down in a very striking manner, and well calculated to make a lasting impression on the mind. We think it would not only abridge the labours of the student, but re-

> interesting set of pictures for an office or parlour, as a map; and it is also bound as an atlas. We understand it has been highly spoken of by some of our most eminent jurists.

We go as far as any in condemning certain sorts of foreigners, who come here to cheat and recently visited this mine, and pronounce it equal plunder us, to fill our penitentiaries and poor houses, to keep our hangmen at work, or to collect Europe or the world. They represent that all the slanders upon which to fatten at home. We alindications are in accordance with the best mines so condemn those pestilent demagogues, who, flyof England. They find the same kind of prima-ry and secondary formation in this mine, that teach us morals and civil government, stagger from uniformly characterize their richest deposites, teach us morals and uniformly characterize their richest deposites, teach us morals and our public meetings, to pour out which is blue and white slate, commonly called whiskey-inspired harangues upon liberty and opevery reason to believe that copper mines found pression, and stagger back again to canvas for the sober and industrious cultivator or mechanic, who subdue the wilderness or prosecute useful arts, or to the enlightened teacher, either of literature or science, who, while dispensing useful information, behaves civilly, our welcome shall never be denied .- Ledger.

"Buchan's Domestic Medicine is a good book, sir; it enables every man to be his own physician, said a person to an eminent lawyer. "How far During last year, there were perpetrated in Portugal 1,412 assassinations, 3,219 robberies.

Component parts of London.—Thieves, 30, determine; but this I know, that every man who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client."